

February 22, 2001

Our Reference: WA-TX#0221.90.03

Ms. Linda K. Wertz, State Medicaid Director
Texas Health and Human Services Commission
Post Office Box 13247
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Ms. Wertz:

I am responding to your recent correspondence by approving another 90 day temporary extension of your Home and Community-Based Services Waiver (HCBSW) No. 0221.90.03 for individuals with related conditions under the Community Living and Self Support (CLASS) program. This HCBSW program expires on February 25, 2001. This temporary extension is to ensure continued operation of the waiver pending submission of additional information requested by our office. The request for additional information stops the 90-day time frame for HCFA to take action on the renewal application.

Because a decision regarding renewal of this waiver could not be finalized before the current program expires on February 25, 2001, I am granting the State of Texas a seventh temporary extension of HCBSW No. 0221.90.03. This program is approved under authority of section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The extension allows you to continue waiver services from February 26, 2001 through May 26, 2001 at the per capita cost and utilization levels approved for the fifth year of the current waiver program.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Rupley at 214-767-6278.

Sincerely,

James Randolph Farris, M.D.
Regional Administrator

cc: Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations